MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) :

(*a*) Rs. 9,185 to the end of 15-11-1111 and Rs. 30,000 more expected to be spent towards the adjustment of the value of land taken over for the work during the year.

(*b*) The work has not been stopped.

The Alleppey-Changanacherry Canal.

176. ***MR. K. M. KRISHNAN** (*Ambalapuzha II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any work in connection with the Alleppey-Changanacherry canal has actually been done ;

(*b*) if so, the nature and extent of the work already done ;

(*c*) the amount spent for the work already done ;

(*d*) the length of the Alleppey-Changanacherry canal ;

(*e*) whether any estimate and plan has been prepared for the same ;

(*f*) if so, the amount estimated ; and

(*g*) the amount actually spent for the work already done ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Excavation work to a length of 4,076 feet.

(*c*) Rs. 4,715.

(*d*) About 12 miles.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Rs 28,000.

(*g*) *Vide* answer to (*c*).

Arabic instruction in Colleges.

177. ***MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state how many Muslim students there are in the Government and aided colleges of the State, who have made arrangements for private study in Arabic for want of facilities in the Colleges ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) :

Government Colleges	...	...	4
Private Colleges	...	...	3

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : With regard to the numbers 4 and 3, may I know in which Colleges they are studying ?

MR. C. V. CHADRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : 4 in the Science College and 3 in the Scott Christian College, Nagercoil.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : May I know whether students have gone to other Colleges for want of facilities to study Arabic ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : I am not aware of that, Sir.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : May I know whether Government has received representations regarding the appointment of an Arabic Professor in the College ?

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MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir.

Irrigation works in the Mavelikara taluk.

178. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of canals the investigations of which have been completed by the Irrigation Department in the Mavelikara taluk, with the dates on which the investigation was completed and the estimated expenditure with regard to each of such works:

(*b*) the works which could be commenced during the current year (1111); and

(*c*) the amount that is expected to be spent for irrigation works in the Mavelikara taluk during 1111?

MR. G. B. E TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) (1) Constructing a sluice in the channel from the Kollakadavu river to the Thazhakara *punja* fields. Investigation completed in July 1934. Estimate amount Rs. 1,760.

(2) Improvements to the *todu* from Pantalam south to Mavara *punja* in Thonnallur and Pantalam *pakuthies*. Investigation completed in February 1935. Estimate amount Rs. 2,425.

(3) Closing breaches on the banks of the Achencoil river, forming flood banks at Karippuchira, Kuzhimonchira and Pullamadamchira in Thonnallur *pakuthi*. Investigation completed in December 1934. Estimate amount Rs. 12,800.

(4) Construction of an additional groyne in the Achencoil river. Investigation completed in 1934. Estimate amount Rs. 6,146.

(5) Repairs to damages to paddy fields on the eastern side of the Thodiyur Arattukadavu *todu*, Thekkekara *pakuthi*. Investigation completed in Kumbhom 1110. Estimate amount Rs. 144.

(6) Removing silt and slips from the newly cut out-let of the Karingali *chal* in Nooranad *pakuthi*. Investigation completed in 1110 M. E. Estimate amount Rs. 1,035.

(7) Cutting a new channel at the head of the Parayankari channel. Investigation completed in 1110. Estimate amount Rs. 11,500.

(8) Cutting a *todu* connecting Kallattu *punja* and raising and forming the bund at Puthenkandam *chira* at Poozhikad. Investigation conducted in 1111 and a detailed report submitted by the Irrigation Division Officer. Agreeing with his recommendation, the Chief Engineer has allowed the matter to lie over pending construction of flood-banks in the Achencoil river and watching their effect.

(9) Providing inlet to the irrigation channels in Ennakad. Investigation completed in Dhanu 1111 and an estimate for Rs. 1,090 received from the Chief Engineer is under the consideration of Government.

(*b*) Items 1 and 3 of part (*a*).

(*c*) Rs. 7,050 nearly.

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